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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A biaxially oriented white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer that is substantially vacuole-free at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, said film exhibiting a Yellowness Index of less than or equal to 40 for films having a thickness of from 10 to 500 microns.

2. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film comprises a crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate and polyethylene naphthalate.

3. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the titanium dioxide is present between 0.3 and 25% by weight, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer.

4. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer, the optical brightener is present from 10 to 50,000 ppm.

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5. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch and the film comprises an optical brightener selected from the group consisting of bisbenzoxazoles, phenylcoumarins and bisstearylbi-phenyls, said optical brightener present from 10 to 50,000 ppm, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer.

6. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, said film further comprising a polyester-soluble blue dye.

7. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein said titanium dioxide has a composition that is at least 95% by weight rutile, and wherein said titanium dioxide exists as titanium dioxide particles having an average particle size of from 0.10 to 0.30 μm , where the particle size is determined using a Sedigraph method.

8. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch and said titanium dioxide has a composition that is at least 95% by weight rutile and exists as titanium dioxide particles having an average particle size of from 0.10 to 0.30 μm , where the particle size is determined using a Sedigraph method, the titanium dioxide particles having the oxidic coating consisting of

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inorganic oxide(s) or of organic compound(s) or of inorganic oxide(s) and of organic compound(s), the coating comprising from 1 to 12 g of inorganic oxide(s) or from 0.5 to 3 g of organic compound(s), or from 1 to 12 g of inorganic oxides(s) and from 0.5 to 3 g of organic compound(s) based on 100 g of titanium dioxide particles.

9. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, and wherein the film has a whiteness that is 85% and a Yellowness Index that is 40.

10. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film has one or more layers, and wherein said layers consist of a core layer and at least one outer layer.

11. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, the film having one or more layers, the layers consisting of a core layer and at least one outer layer, wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are present in the core layer.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the

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form of at least one masterbatch, the film further comprising an optical brightener selected from the group consisting of bisbenzoxazoles, phenylcoumarins and bisstearyl biphenyls and polyester-soluble blue dye selected from the group consisting of cobalt blue, ultramarine blue, anthraquinone dyes and combinations thereof, and wherein said polyester-soluble blue dye is present from 10 to 10,000 ppm, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer.

15. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, said film having one or more layers, said layers consisting of a core layer and at least one outer layer, wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are additionally present in the outer layer(s).

16. (Previously Presented) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, wherein said white film further comprises regrind.